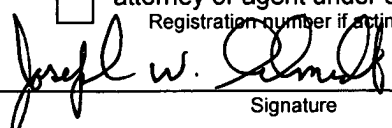


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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):		
	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60 \$ <u>120.00</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>21-0550</u> . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.		
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<input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).		
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